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Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Re:

Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 23, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) that among other things proposes a new four-year compensation plan for video relay service (VRS).¹ In a Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau announced it would place in the record of this rulemaking certain data referenced in the FNPRM and provided by Rolka Loube, LLC, the TRS Fund administrator, on each VRS provider's total allowable expenses, return on investment, minutes of service, and revenues for the years 2014-16 (VRS Provider Cost and Demand Data).² The Commission stated it would treat the VRS Provider Cost and Demand Data as Highly Confidential Information subject to the terms of the *Second Protective Order*.³ No objections were received regarding the Public Notice. Accordingly, a copy of the VRS Provider Cost and Demand Data is provided as an attachment to this letter, subject to the *Second Protective Order*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliot Greenwald

Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

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¹ Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program, Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Report and Order, Notice of Inquiry, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 2436 (2017) (VRS Improvements Order).

² Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program, Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Public Notice, DA 17-337 (2017).

³ Id; see also Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program, Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Second Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd 5914 (2012).

ATTACHMENT A

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HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO SECOND PROTECTIVE ORDER IN CG DOCKET NOS. 03-123 AND 10-51 BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

VRS Providers' Minutes, Revenues, and Expenses, 2014-16

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Total industry						
Minutes	125,084,845	127,873,647	133,493,196			
Revenues	\$593,514,927	\$563,069,736	\$547,989,594	\$4.74	\$4.40	\$4.11
Allowable Expenses	\$341,796,072	\$336,256,533	\$359,472,813	\$2.73	\$2.63	\$2.69
Expenses plus 11.25% ROI	\$347,249,081	\$354,285,359	\$364,539,529	\$2.78	\$2.77	\$2.73
Expenses plus 7.12% of expenses	\$366,131,953	\$360,197,998	\$385,067,277	\$2.93	\$2.82	\$2.88
Expenses plus 9.75% of expenses	\$375,121,189	\$369,041,545	\$394,521,412	\$3.00	\$2.89	\$2.96

NOTE: Actual and projected minutes and expenses are as reported by each provider to Rolka Loube in their annual filings in February 2016. Revenues are calculated based on applicable compensation rates multiplied by the monthly minutes reported for each tier.